

FISCAL NOTE

SB 492 - HB 946

March 17, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Tennessee Provisional Voting Rights Act of 2003*. This bill creates provisional balloting in elections in Tennessee to allow citizens who claim to be registered to vote, but are not on the poll list, to cast a provisional ballot.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Less than \$25,000

To the extent counties must establish a separate county board for provisional ballots, local expenditures are expected to increase. Such increase will depend on how many counties hire temporary election workers and the number of workers hired in each county. If a county hired four temporary election workers at \$50 per worker for one day to count provisional ballots, local expenditures could increase \$200 per county. The larger counties could require more than four temporary workers while the smaller counties could handle the provisional ballots without requiring any additional temporary workers.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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